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SUBJECT: VISIT OF BANGLADESH PRESIDENT TO UAE

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1. BANGLADESH PRESIDENT, GENERAL ZIA UR RAHMAN, COMPLETED A SUCCESSFUL THREE DAY VISIT TO UAE MARCH 8. VISIT MARKED BY CORDIALITY AND STATEMENTS OF APPROVAL BY UAE PRESIDENT SHAIKH ZAYID FOR BANGLADESH POLICY OF SEEKING TO EXPAND ITS COMMERCIAL COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING WITH PAKISTAN, INDIA AND NEPAL, WHICH UAEG SEES AS CONTRIBUTING TO STABILITY OF SUB-CONTINENT.

2. IN JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT END OF VISIT, BOTH COUNTRIES REAFFIRMED THEIR SUPPORT FOR UN RESOLUTION
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DECLARING INDIAN OCEAN TO BE A ZONE OF PEACE, AGREED TO WORK TOGETHER FOR THE "ADOPTION OF A LAW OF THE SEA WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE UN TO ENSURE THE RIGHTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES," AND DECLARED THAT A MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED THROUGH ISRAEL'S WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED ARAB LANDS INCLUDING JERUSALEM WITH THE

RESTORATION OF PALESTINIAN RIGHTS AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A PALESTINIAN STATE.

3. VISIT ALSO RESULTED IN EXPRESSION OF ADHERENCE BY BOTH COUNTRIES TO UPHOLD RESOLUTIONS OF NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE, ESPECIALLY THOSE DEALING WITH NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER THAT GUARANTEES SUITABLE PRICES FOR RAW MATERIALS PRODUCED IN THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES. IN ADDITION, BOTH LEADERS EXPRESSED ADHERENCE TO ISLAMIC CHARTER CONFERENCE AND CALLED FOR COOPERATION AMONG ISLAMIC COUNTRIES. IN CULTURAL FIELD, TWO COUNTRIES SIGNED AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR BILATERAL COOPERATION IN EDUCATION AND INFORMATION THROUGH EXCHANGE OF PROFESSORS, SCIENTISTS AND OTHER EXPERTS.

4. ON ECONOMIC SIDE, BOTH LEADERS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO ESTABLISH JOINT VENTURES IN BANGLADESH. A JOINT COMMISSION HEADED BY FOREIGN MINISTERS OF BOTH COUNTRIES IS TO MEET TWICE A YEAR TO FOLLOW UP ON JOINT VENTURE PROPOSALS. LONG TERM PURCHASES OF PETROLEUM FROM UAE WAS ALSO DISCUSSED SINCE BANGLADESH HAS BEEN ABLE TO ACQUIRE UAE OIL IN PAST ON EXTENDED CREDIT TERMS (UP TO 180 DAYS). UAE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO BANGLADESH WAS NOT RAISED ALTHOUGH GENERAL ZIA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DID EXPRESS HIS APPRECIATION FOR UAE ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. JUST PRIOR TO HIS ARRIVAL, ABU DHABI FUND FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT HAD APPROVED ON FEB 28 A 60 MILLION DIRHAM (\$16 MILLION) LOAN ON ITS SOFTEST TERMS (20 YEARS, 5 YEAR GRACE, 3.5 PERCENT INTEREST) TO BANGLADESH TO HELP FINANCE EXPANSION OF ELECTRIC POWER NETWORK BETWEEN EASTERN AND WESTERN REGIONS OF COUNTRY (KUWAITI FUND IS ALSO PARTICIPATING).

5. BANGLADESH AMBASSADOR HERE HAS TOLD US THAT ASIDE FROM GOODWILL ASPECTS OF VISIT, COOPERATION IN ECONOMIC FIELD WAS MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT OF VISIT. BANGLADESH GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THERE ARE SEVERAL JOINT VENTURES IN FIELD OF CEMENT PRODUCTION, AGRICULTURE, AND PETROCHEMICALS WHICH COULD BE ATTRACTIVE TO UAE INVESTORS. GENERAL ZIA WAS ENCOURAGED BY UAE INTEREST AND DESIRE COOPERATE IN THIS APPROACH.
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